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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 6, 2007 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AS A SUBMISSION UNDER 37
C.F.R. §1.114(C) ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment is a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c) accompanying a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and responds to a December 6, 2007 Final Office Action issued by the U.S Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 6, 2007 Final Office Action was originally due March 6, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small-entity status and such status is still applicable. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small-entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) is FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE (\$525.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response is due June 6, 2008. Accordingly, the RCE and this Amendment are being timely filed.

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